

Jimmy Barry Was a Star Among the Little Boxers

The most valuable goods often come in small packages, and this is certainly true of boxers. Although the bantamweight division is not what it used to be, yet the fact remains that the little fellows of today really give better exhibitions of true fighting spirit than the larger men. And it always has been so. When Lynch, the first bantamweight champion to gain fame in America, went over to England nearly sixty years ago and fought George Holden, Dan Harrington and Sam Flintridge under London rules with bare fists, he displayed the tigerish ferocity which has since been a characteristic of the majority of the bantams. Lynch was called a featherweight, but he fought at 112 pounds. In fact, all the featherweights up to the time like Weir and Tommy Warren fought for the title in Minneapolis in 1887, at 117 pounds, what are now called bantamweights, while the limit of the latter division was 105 pounds.

Of the modern bantamweights, beginning with George Dixon a quarter of a century ago, the New Yorkers have the example of the fighting spirit which animates the breasts of the little fellows was afforded by Jimmy Barry, of Chicago. New Yorkers would deny this, and will award the palm to Terry McGovern, who became king of the bantams after Barry had retired, but if Terrible Terry could have fought the Windy City boy when both were at their best it is not at all certain that the Brooklynite would have triumphed. Certainly the result would have been the most cyclonic mill in ring history.

It will be just seventeen years next Wednesday since Jimmy Barry made his last appearance in the squared circle, which was at the Windy City on Dec. 26, 1900. On that occasion Barry fought Casper Leon, the game little Sicilian, for twenty rounds to a draw. Barry became the acknowledged king of the bantams in 1894, when he whipped Leon in twenty-eight rounds at Lamont, Ill. After the Davenport session Barry decided to quit while the quitting was good, and announced his retirement from the ring.

Barry was a native of Chicago, where he was born in 1870. Incidentally, three other claimants of the bantamweight title, Harry Harris, Harry Forbes and Johnny Coulton, were Windy City boys. In one of Edson Phillips' novels an orphan boy, when asked his name, replied that it was "Tiger," and explained that it was because he "was so fierce." Early in his career Barry was dubbed "Tiger" for exactly the same reason. He was a graduate of McGurn's place, a favorite resort of the boxers in the days when Chicago was on the pugilistic map. At McGurn's a fight was a fight, and not a dancing lesson, and in that hard school Barry became a raving tiger, with all the characteristics of a striped jungle feline which had been fed on raw meat. Harry Gilmore, who claimed the lightweight title until he was whipped by Jack McAuliffe in 1887, took Jimmy under his pinions and gave him the finishing touches in boxing science and generalship. Barry usually continued his ferocity to business hours, and was amiable and a good fellow immediately a fight was over, but there was one notable exception. A boxer had picked a quarrel with him, and the enraged Jimmy, aroused by this defiance of professional etiquette, sailed into him with the raw "united" fellow was glad enough to shake the victor's paw. Barry went through his entire career without taking a beating, and retired undefeated, although Harry Harris gave him a close call and several others laid him to draws.

Birthday of First Chief of the National League

Sunday marked the twenty-seventh anniversary of the birth in East Haddam, Conn., of Morgan Gardner Bulkeley, soldier, statesman, and immortal in baseball annals as the first president of the National League. It will be forty years next February since the National League was launched in New York, following a preliminary meeting in Louisville. Most of the pioneers of professional baseball are dead, and the Hartford statesman is among the last of the survivors of the baseball rulers of 1876.

The first president of the National League, like the present head of that circuit, has served as governor of a State and as a member of Uncle Sam's Congress. Mr. Bulkeley was educated in Hartford, but his young manhood he left the Connecticut capital to establish himself in business in Brooklyn. When the civil war broke out he joined a New York regiment and served bravely throughout the bloody conflict. He was one of the most ardent of the supporters of baseball in the early days of the game, following the war. He returned to Hartford in 1872, and organized a bank, of which he became president. Immersed as he was in financial affairs, he continued firm in his devotion to baseball, and when the professional game seemed in danger of extinction because of the gambling and other evils which had attached themselves to it, he headed the rescue party. With William A. Hulbert of Chicago, Nicholas B. Young of Washington, and Charles W. Spalding, W. N. Haldeman of Louisville, and other patriots, he helped to establish the National League on a new, clean and sportsmanlike basis.

Besides being the president of the league, Mr. Bulkeley was the owner of the Hartford franchise, and made his city one of the charter members of the oldest major. He retired as head of the league at the close of the 1879 season, but continued as president of the Hartford club for another year, when, owing to the press of other matters, he was forced to break off his active connection with the sport. During his brief administration, however, baseball was purged of many evils, and under his successor, William A. Hulbert, who died in 1882, the game was placed upon a sound basis.

Very few of the pioneer magnates of the National League remained in the game very long. Hulbert was president of the Chicago club for six years. Mr. Bulkeley was president of the Hartford club two years, and J. L. Keck of Cincinnati and J. R. C. Lucas of St. Louis for the game period. W. N. Haldeman also headed the Louisville club for two years. All the other charter presidents, including N. T. Appolonio of Boston, William H. Cammer of New York, and Thomas J. Smith of Philadelphia, retired at the end of the first season.

As governor of his native State and a member of the United States Senate, the first head of the National League afterward distinguished himself in

other lines, and demonstrated what has been proved by so many others—that baseball enthusiasm is not incompatible with intellectual ability.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

The following Bridgeport corporations have been organized during the last week:

American Chemical Specialty Co. of Bridgeport; 175 shares subscribed for, on which \$700 in cash and \$3,675 in property have been paid. President, Harold B. Converse, 1 share; secretary, H. E. Fairchild, 1 share; treasurer, L. L. Townsend, 145 shares; Mrs. E. C. Belden, 23 shares. Land Co., Inc., of Bridgeport; 80 shares subscribed for, on which \$8,000 in cash and nothing in property have been paid. President and treasurer, Frederick W. Hall, 20 shares; secretary, Isaac Newton, 5 shares; C. L. Warner, 20 shares; C. E. Blackman, 10 shares. Mark C. Meagher & Co., Inc., of Bridgeport; incorporated Dec. 16, 1915, to deal in real estate, etc. Capital stock, \$50,000, divided into 500 shares, of \$100 each. Commences business with \$25,000. Incorporators: Mark C. Meagher, Ward C. Meagher and George W. Cummings, all of Bridgeport, Conn.

THE STOCK MARKET

(T. L. Watson & Co.) In our opinion, much of the sluggishness of recent markets may be charged to over-indulgence in speculations and paprika last summer, when the War Order stock mania was in vogue. In that period prices went up 10 to 15 points daily, sometimes hourly. The people who made big money in that frenzy are reluctant to buy properties for a slow advance. But a penalty of very high margins—30 to 60 per cent.—is imposed by conservative brokers upon business when they execute orders in the shares that have had enormous advances in price and that are not under the limelight of frequent statements of earnings. Furthermore,

the old-style standard stocks have a better and wider market under adverse developments than any of the specialties enjoy; they are now representing properties that are making large profits, their quotations are relatively low and a larger amount of them can be bought on the same margin required to carry the issues which are subject to rapid and sometimes violent fluctuations. We believe that the future will show safer opportunities of profit in those departments of the Stock Exchange which have been neglected for a long time.

FALLS ON ICE.

Martin Clark of 747 East Main street fell on a slippery sidewalk yesterday and suffered a fracture of the right arm.

EASTON

The regular meeting of Easton Grange No. 1 held Tuesday evening when the election of officers will take place. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Andrews have returned, having spent several days in Stratfield with Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Edwards.

State Master and Mrs. J. Arthur Sherwood have returned, having passed a few days in Keene, N. H., where they installed the N. H. state officers of the Grange.

The Methodist Christmas concert will be held on Monday evening at Lee chapel, Sport Hill.

Frederick B. Candee, who has been suffering from an attack of bronchitis, has recovered so far as to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin P. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards, Jr., of Glendale avenue, Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards of Stratfield were guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards of Bridgeport.

The Baptist Sunday school concert will be held Wednesday evening at 7:45.

TURKS DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES

Delhi, Dec. 27.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kut el Amara was driven back Saturday with heavy losses, according to an official report from Gen. Townshend, the British commander.

The report says: "The enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our position which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from 600 to 800 killed and wounded. Our casualties were under 200."

HIGH WATER BRINGS SEA GULLS TO PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Sea gulls which rarely visit Paris are flying about the Grand Palace this morning. Their presence is attributed to the high water in the Seine, which now has risen nearly 10 feet, covering some of the wharves in the lowest part of the river front. There has been heavy rains for the last fortnight and the weather bureau predicts that the fall will continue.

SHERIFF AT BAY RESCUED.

Mountain Home, Ark., Dec. 27.—Alonso Trimble, a deputy sheriff, who barricaded himself in a deserted shack in the Lepers Mountain district when mountaineers attempted to lynch him after he shot and mortally wounded Howard Avery, a farmer, when Avery resisted arrest, was brought here yesterday by a sheriff's posse.

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